



ACCOUNTING OFFICER (SPECIALIST)
ACCOUNTING OFFICER (SUPERVISOR)
Final Filing Date: November 20, 2008



OPEN

AN EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER - Equal opportunity to all regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, disability, religious or political affiliation, age or sexual orientation.

EXAMINATION BASE MULTI-DEPARTMENTAL FOR:

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION (CDCR)
STATE COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND (SCIF)

WHO SHOULD APPLY Applicants who meet the minimum qualifications as stated below. Applications will not be accepted on a promotional basis.

HOW TO APPLY Submit Examination Application (Std. Form 678)

By mail with: or In person with:
Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
Office of Selection Services Office of Selection Services
P.O. Box 942883 1515 "S" Street, Room 522-N
Sacramento, CA 94283-0001 Sacramento, CA 95811-7243
(916) 322-2545 (916) 322-2545

If you are personally delivering your application, you must do so between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, on or before the final filing date to the same street address as listed above for the Office of Selection Services

NOTE: Only applications with an original signature will be accepted.

If you meet the entrance requirements for Accounting Officer (Specialist) or Accounting Officer (Supervisor), you may file for one or more examination(s) on a single application. However, you must list the examination title(s) of each examination you wish to file for. You will only be considered for acceptance into the examination(s) that you have listed on your application.

APPLICATION DEADLINE/ REQUIREMENTS November 20, 2008 is the final filing date. Applications postmarked, personally delivered, or received via interoffice mail after this date will not be accepted for any reason.

All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements for this examination by the final filing date.

TEST DATE It is anticipated that Qualifications Appraisal Interviews will be held during February/March 2009.

SALARY RANGE(S) As of: September 25, 2008

BOTH CLASSIFICATIONS
\$3,841 - \$4,670

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS BOTH CLASSIFICATIONS

Either I
One year of experience in the California state service performing professional accounting or auditing duties of a class with a level of responsibility not less than that of Accountant Trainee or Auditor I. (Applicants meeting the educational requirements who have completed six months of service performing professional accounting or auditing duties of a class with a level of responsibility not less than that of Accountant Trainee or Auditor I will be admitted to the examination, but they must satisfactorily complete one year of this experience before they can be considered eligible for appointment.)

Or II
Experience: One year in the California state service performing the duties of an Accountant I (Specialist) or Accountant I (Supervisor). Applicants meeting the educational requirements who have completed six months of service performing the duties of an Accountant I (Specialist) or Accountant I (Supervisor) will be admitted to the examination, but they must satisfactorily complete one year of this experience before they can be considered eligible for appointment. and

Education:
1. Equivalent to graduation from college, with specialization in accounting. (Registration as a Senior Student in a recognized institution will admit applicants to the examination, but they must produce evidence of successful completion of the curriculum and the prescribed courses before they may be considered eligible for appointment.) or
2. Completion of a prescribed professional accounting curriculum given by a residence or correspondence school of accountancy, including courses in elementary and advanced accounting, auditing, cost accounting and business law. or
3. Completion of the equivalent of 19 semester hours of course work; 16 hours of which shall be professional accounting courses given by a collegiate-grade residence institution, including courses in elementary and advanced accounting, auditing, and cost accounting; and three semester hours of business law.

MINIMUM
QUALIFICATIONS
(CONTINUED)

Or III

Experience: Two years of increasingly responsible professional accounting or auditing experience. (Experience in the California state service applied toward this requirement must include at least one year performing the duties of a class at a level of responsibility not less than that of Accountant I.) (Experience in the California state service may be applied toward the total experience requirement on a proportional basis.) and

Education: See "Education" under Pattern II above.
(Persons who will complete work requirements outlined under II and III above during the current quarter or semester will be admitted to the examination, but they must produce evidence of successful completion of the curriculum and the prescribed courses before they may be considered eligible for appointment.)

NOTE: Equivalent to graduation from college refers to a Bachelor's degree. Applicants must have the number of semester or quarter credits, as well as the required coursework necessary to be awarded a four year Bachelor's degree.

Applicants must show the specific course work completed or in progress to satisfy the entrance requirements on their Examination Application (Std. Form 678). Include the title, number of semester or quarter credits granted, name of institution, and completion date.

Special Personal Characteristics: Ability to qualify for a fidelity bond.

Qualifying experience may be combined on a proportionate basis if the requirements stated above include more than one pattern and are distinguished as "Either" I, "or" II, "or" III, etc. For example, candidates who possess qualifying experience amounting to 50% of the required time of Pattern I, and additional experience amounting to 50% of the required time of Pattern II, may be admitted to an examination as meeting 100% of the overall experience requirement.

EXAMINATION
PLAN

This examination will consist of a Qualifications Appraisal Interview only. The interview will include a number of predetermined job-related questions. In order to obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum rating of 70.00% must be attained in the interview. **CANDIDATES WHO DO NOT APPEAR FOR THE INTERVIEW WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**

Qualifications Appraisal -- Weighted 100.00%

Scope:
Emphasis in the examination will be on measuring competitively, relative to job demands, each candidate's:

BOTH CLASSIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

1. Accounting principles and procedures
2. Governmental accounting and budgeting
3. The uniform accounting system and financial organization and procedures of the State of California and related laws, rules, and regulations
4. Principles of business management, including office methods and procedures
5. Principles of public finance
6. Business law

Ability to:

1. Apply accounting principles and procedures
2. Analyze data and draw sound conclusions
3. Analyze situations accurately and adopt an effective course of action
4. Prepare clear, complete, and concise reports
5. Make sound decisions and recommendations in regard to the professional accounting problems in maintaining control of a departmental budget
6. Establish and maintain cooperative relations with those contacted in the work
7. Communicate effectively

Accounting Officer (Supervisor) – Additional Knowledge of:

7. Principles and techniques of personnel management and supervision
8. Planning, organizing, and directing the work of others
9. The department's Equal Employment Opportunity Objectives Program objectives
10. A supervisor's role in the department's Equal Employment Opportunity Objectives Program and the processes available to meet equal employment objectives

Accounting Officer (Supervisor) – Additional Ability to:

8. Plan, organize, and direct the work of others
9. Effectively contribute to the department's equal employment objectives

ELIGIBLE LIST
INFORMATION

The list(s) will be abolished **24** months after establishment unless the needs of the service and conditions of the list(s) warrant a change in this period. For each classification listed above, a separate eligible list will be established.

POSITION
DESCRIPTION AND
LOCATION(S)

An **Accounting Officer (Specialist)** is the first journeyperson level for the series. Incumbents, under general supervision from a Senior Accounting Officer or an Accounting Administrator, perform professional accounting duties of average difficulty in the establishment and maintenance of accounts and financial records for agency activities, such as maintain accounting records for funds administered by the department; prepare, review and analyze financial reports, statements, accounts and records; maintain the General Ledgers; reconcile the General Ledger to SCO; review expenditures against allotments. Incumbents may exercise moderate control in the administration of established policies and procedures, and may have on-going contacts with program managers, control agencies, local governmental jurisdictions, Federal Government, vendors, and members of the public. Incumbents in this class have no supervisory responsibilities, but may serve as a lead for Accountant Trainees, accounting clerical and semiprofessional personnel.

POSITION DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION(S) (CONTINUED) An **Accounting Officer (Supervisor)** is the first supervisory level in the series. Incumbents, under general supervision of a Senior Accounting Officer (Supervisor) or an Accounting Administrator, are responsible for coordination and supervision of a group of semiprofessional and/or clerical subordinates in the maintenance and reporting of accounting or fiscal activities, such as posting of journals and ledgers, cost accumulation reports, and claim schedules; may have on-going contacts with program managers, control agencies, local governmental jurisdictions, Federal Government, vendors, and members of the public.

BOTH CLASSIFICATIONS
Positions exist at various locations throughout the state with the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the State Compensation Insurance Fund.

SPECIAL TESTING ARRANGEMENTS If you have a disability and need special testing arrangements, mark the appropriate box on the "Examination Application." You will be contacted to make specific arrangements.

VETERANS POINTS/ CAREER CREDITS Veteran's Preference Points will not be granted in this examination since it does not qualify as an entrance examination under the law. Career credits will not be granted in this examination.

GENERAL INFORMATION

It is the candidate's responsibility to contact the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitations' Office of Selection Services at (916) 322-2545 three weeks after the final filing date if he/she has not received a progress notice.

Applications are available at Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation offices, State Personnel Board offices and local offices of the Employment Development Department.

The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service if the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revisions will be in accordance with civil service laws and rules and all competitors will be notified.

Examination Locations: If this examination requires a written test and/or oral interview, they will be scheduled throughout the State at the correctional institutions, youth facilities, and/or parole regions. However, locations of the written test and/or oral interview may be limited or extended as conditions warrant.

Eligible Lists: Eligible lists established by a competitive examination, regardless of date, must be used in the following order: 1) subdivisional promotional; 2) departmental promotional; 3) multidepartmental promotional; 4) servicewide promotional; 5) departmental open; 6) open. When there are two lists of the same kind, the older must be used first.

If you meet the requirements stated in this bulletin, you may take this examination. Possession of the entrance requirement(s) does not assure success in the examination or placement on the employment list. All candidates who pass the examination described in this bulletin will be ranked according to their scores.

General Qualifications: Competitors must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, ability to work cooperatively with others, and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the class. A medical examination and fingerprinting may be required. In open examinations, an investigation may be made of employment records and personal history.

IT IS AN OBJECTIVE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO ACHIEVE A DRUG-FREE WORK PLACE. ANY APPLICANT FOR STATE EMPLOYMENT WILL BE EXPECTED TO BEHAVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS OBJECTIVE BECAUSE THE USE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE LAW OF THE STATE, THE RULES GOVERNING CIVIL SERVICE AND THE SPECIAL TRUST PLACED IN PUBLIC SERVANTS.

ONLY INDIVIDUALS LAWFULLY AUTHORIZED TO WORK IN THE UNITED STATES WILL BE HIRED

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California Relay Service for the Deaf or Hearing Impaired: 1-800-735-2929
www.cdcr.ca.gov

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